

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: March 26, 2007)

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JOANNE ARNOULT,)	
mother and natural guardian of her daughter,)	
JORDAN ARNOULT,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	No. 05-1247V
)	Attorney's Fees; Attorney's Costs
SECRETARY OF)	Personal Expenses
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

DECISION ON ATTORNEY'S FEES, ATTORNEY'S COSTS
AND PERSONAL EXPENSES¹

Petitioner, Joanne Arnoult (Ms. Arnoult), as natural guardian of her daughter, Jordan Arnoult (Jordan), seeks an award of \$10,024.25 in attorney's fees, *see* Petitioner's Application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs (Fee Petition), filed March 12, 2007, at 1; \$1,761.65 in attorney's costs, *see* Fee Petition at 1; and \$10.00 in personal expenses as defined by General Order No. 9, *see* Petitioner's Statement in Compliance with General Order No. 9 (P. Statement), filed March 21, 2007, at 1, for an action that she pursued successfully under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (Program).² Respondent does not object. *See* Fee Petition at 1.

¹ As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire decision" will be available to the public. *Id.*

² The statutory provisions governing the Vaccine Program are found in 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-
(continued...)

The Act mandates the award of “reasonable attorneys’ fees” and “other costs” because Ms. Arnoult received Program compensation. § 300aa-15(e)(1). The special master has considered carefully Ms. Arnoult’s Fee Petition. The special master determines that the Fee Petition is appropriate.

In the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of court shall enter judgment in Ms. Arnoult’s favor for \$11,795.90. The judgment shall provide that Ms. Arnoult’s attorney of record, Donald P. Edwards, Esq. (Mr. Edwards), may collect \$11,785.90 from Ms. Arnoult.³ Under Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.

The clerk of court shall send Ms. Arnoult’s copy of this decision to Ms. Arnoult by overnight express delivery.

John F. Edwards
Special Master

²(...continued)
10 *et seq.* For convenience, further reference will be to the relevant section of 42 U.S.C.

³ \$11,795.90 - \$10.00 for Ms. Arnoult’s personal expenses as defined by General Order No. 9.